

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 70

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Susan Lodal upon being chosen as the recipient of the 2010 C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service/School Board Member of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding individuals who have devoted their careers to providing the very best education to Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lodal is one such estimable advocate for children and member of the Kingsport City Board of Education, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lodal was recently named as the recipient of the Tennessee School Board Association's (TSBA) highest individual award, the 2010 C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service School Board Member of the Year Award, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a Kingsport City Board of Education member as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, judged the most deserving of an elite group of nominees, Mrs. Lodal will serve as chairman of the All Tennessee School Board; and

WHEREAS, a Level 5 Board of Education member, the highest designation bestowed by the TSBA, Susan Lodal has been a member of the Kingsport Board of Education since 2003, serving as chairman of the board from 2008 through 2010; and

WHEREAS, always striving for excellence in her endeavors, Susan Lodal is one of the Tennessee Legislative Network Representatives for the Kingsport City Board of Education and is a member of the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce.

This remarkable woman's legislative efforts have resulted in the passage of several pieces of legislation that have benefited not only her district but the entire state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, working assiduously to promote issues concerning education, Susan Lodal is a TSBA Ambassador, a Federal Relations Network representative, and a Tennessee Legislative Network (TLN) representative and she has also served as a TLN board chairman. Mrs. Lodal has served as an at-large member of the TSBA Board and she regularly attends TSBA Fall District meetings, Summer Law Institutes, Legislative Conferences, and Leadership Conferences; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has won numerous honors throughout her exemplary career, including her board being named a Board of Distinction and the 2008 School Board of the Year. Mrs. Lodal also received the National School Board Association (NSBA) distinguished service award in 2007 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, an innovator focused on growth, Susan Lodal served as a SCOPE moderator and delivers presentations at the state and national conferences, and she has assisted in coordinating meetings with surrounding school districts to discuss potential future use of facilities; and

WHEREAS, Susan Lodal received her Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology from Purdue University. She volunteers as a tutor in two elementary schools, is an active member of the Waverly Road Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, and was the Director of Children's Ministry at her church for thirteen years before beginning her illustrious career with the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lodal truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated public servant who is wholly committed to the highest ideal of quality education for all, and it is fitting that she specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Susan Lodal upon being chosen as the 2010 C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service/School Board Member of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the students, teachers, and parents of her school district and of the State

of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.